

# STATE OF ALASKA

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## **NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE HEALY BASIN GAS ONLY EXPLORATION LICENSE FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil & Gas (DO&G) is notifying individuals and organizations that commented on the Healy Basin Gas Only Exploration License that the Healy Basin Gas Only Exploration License Final Finding of the Director is being issued on June 28, 2010.

The Healy Basin Gas Only Exploration License Preliminary Finding of the Director was issued on August 31, 2005. After weighing the facts and issues known to him at this time, comments received during the public comment period, applicable laws and regulations, and balancing the potential positive and negative effects given the mitigation measures and other regulatory protections, the director of the DO&G has found that issuing a gas only exploration license in the Healy Basin to Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. is in the state's best interest.

The finding is available on DO&G's web-site at:

[http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/best\\_interest\\_findings/best\\_interest\\_findings.html](http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/best_interest_findings/best_interest_findings.html).

It is available on CD and hard copy. Copies will also be available at the following locations: Tri-Valley School Library in Healy and the Alaska State Library. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, or you would like to request a CD or hard copy, contact Saree Timmons at 907-375-7751 ([saree.timmons@alaska.gov](mailto:saree.timmons@alaska.gov)).

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comments or oral testimony may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received by July 19, 2010, and may be mailed or delivered to:

Thomas E. Irwin, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
Fax: 1-907-269-8918  
Email: [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov).

If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on July 28, 2010. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court, and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.